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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the application before the "BACKGROUND ART"

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the priority of Japanese patent application Serial No. P11-16524 filed on January 26, 1999. -

REMARKS

Please amend the above identified application by inserting priority information as set forth above.

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